

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

5 Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the amendments above and the arguments set forth fully below. Previously, claims 1-59 were pending in this application. In response to a restriction requirement, claims 20-59 have been withdrawn from consideration. By the above amendments, claim 1 is amended. Accordingly, claims 1-19 are currently pending.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

10 Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,983,175 to Kwon (hereinafter “Kwon”). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

In particular, Kwon fails to teach two panels, where a first panel partitions a second panel, thereby partitioning a second interface on the second panel into a plurality of exposed sections.

15 The present invention is directed to an electronic device with at least two panels. A first panel includes a first interface. A second panel includes a second interface. The second panel is rotatably coupled to the first panel. In a first position, the second interface is completely obscured by the first panel. In a second position, the second interface on the second panel is exposed, and the second interface is partitioned into exposed sections by the first panel. By the above amendments, independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that in the second position, it is the second panel, which includes the second interface, that is partitioned, thereby resulting in the partitioning of the second interface into exposed sections.

20 Kwon discloses a mobile telephone having a main body 1 with input keys 3 on the main body 1. The mobile telephone also has two separate keyboards 8 and 9, each separately hinged to the main body 1 so as to fold into a non-usable position (Kwon, Figures 2 and 5C) and an extended position (Kwon, Figures 3 and 4). The keyboard 8 includes input keys 10, and the keyboard 9 includes input keys 11.

25 Within the Office Action, the Examiner makes the following analogies relating Kwon to the present claims: first, the claimed first panel is analogous to the element 1 of Kwon; second, the claimed first interface is analogous to the elements 3 of Kwon; third, the claimed second panel is analogous to the element 9 of Kwon; and fourth, the claimed second interface is analogous to the elements 11 of Kwon. The Applicants do not agree with these analogies. However, for the sake of argument, the Examiner’s analogies are used as a basis for comparing the claimed invention and the device of Kwon.

Kwon teaches three separate and distinct panels 1, 8, 9. When the mobile telephone of Kwon is in the extended position, the panel 8 is unfolded from the panel 1 such that panel 8 extends from the side of panel 1, and the panel 9 is unfolded from the panel 1 such that panel 9 extends from the side of panel 1 (Kwon, Figure 4 and 5A). Neither panel 8 nor panel 9 is partitioned by panel 1, as claimed.

5 In contrast to Kwon, the present invention teaches and claims that when the device 100, 100' is in the second position, the first panel 110, 110' partitions the second panel 200 into exposed sections 210 and 230 (Present Specification, Figure 2A).

For at least these reasons, claim 1 is allowable over Kwon. Claims 2-16 depend upon claim 1. Claims 2-16 are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim, and are now in condition 10 for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kwon in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0032557 A1 to Brunstrom et al (hereinafter "Brunstrom").

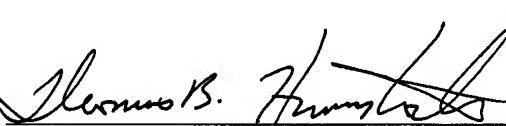
15 The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 17-19 depend upon claim 1. As discussed in the previous section, claim 1 is allowable over Kwon. Accordingly, claims 17-19 are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim, and are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-19 are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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